

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 2, Special Branch
REPORT

Date December 20, 1933.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
G. S. B. REGISTRY.
File No. _____
No. D 5537
Branch Section 2, 33

Subject (in full) Alleged appointment of two former officers of the Berlin Police Force to posts as reorganizers of a police force in China.

Made by D. S. I. Prokofiev

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D. S. I. Prokofiev

With reference to the attached cutting from the "North China Daily News" of November 22, 1933, containing report regarding the alleged appointment of two former officers of the Berlin Police Force to posts as reorganizers of a police force in China, it is persistently rumoured that the officers concerned are Grzesinsky and Bernard Weiss and that they either have arrived in China recently or are on their way to this country.

It is reported that both Grzesinsky and B. Weiss are members of the left wing of the German Social Democratic Party and that prior to the advent of the present regime in Germany they held the posts of President and Vice-President of the Berlin Police Force respectively. Following the establishment of the Nazi regime in January 1933 they fled to Paris where they resided until recently. It is also reported that their names appear on the list of persons who have forfeited their German nationality and that a criminal charge is pending in Berlin against B. Weiss who is alleged to have been connected with gambling houses in that city.

It has been learned from a reliable local German source that the services of the above two individuals were secured for the Nanking Government by Mr. T. V. Soong during the latter's recent sojourn in Europe.

No confirmation has so far been obtained of the report that Grzesinsky or B. Weiss have already arrived in Shanghai.

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Officer in Charge Special Branch.

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THE SHANGHAI SUNDAY TIMES DECEMBER 10, 1933

**BERLIN POLICEMAN
COMING HERE**
Persistent Reports That
Bernard Weiss Is
On His Way
BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The property
of Bernard Weiss, the Socialist
service president of the Berlin
Police, has been confiscated. The
value was 4,000 marks.
It is persistently reported that
Weiss recently left Paris for
Shanghai following an offer to
"reorganize the Chinese police."
It is further stated that, before
his departure, Weiss wrote to a
number of his former colleagues
in the Berlin police inviting them
to join him.—Reuter.

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S.S. Prokofiev

Please keep a
look out for this man
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GERMAN EX-POLICE FOR CHINA

Berlin Reports State
Former Chiefs Will
Function Here

NOTHING IS KNOWN OF REPORT LOCALLY

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—It is stated in semi-official circles here that the former Socialist police chiefs of Berlin, Weiss and Grzesinski, have arrived in China, having been summoned to Shanghai "to re-organize the Chinese police."

Before leaving Paris, Herr Weiss is reported to have written to a number of his former co-laborers in the Berlin police, and it is believed that same have signified their willingness to join him.—Reuter.

***Inquiries made locally yesterday, following receipt of the aforesaid information, failed to secure any enlightenment on the message. Officials of the Shanghai Municipal Police stated they had no knowledge of either the persons mentioned or their reported mission. The Public Safety Bureau also denied any knowledge of the matter. It was suggested that the two former Berlin police officials might have been engaged by the Cantonese authorities.

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Two former police chiefs of the Berlin Police Force have been appointed to posts as reorganizers in a police force in China, according to a London report on the work of the Refugee Assistance Fund which is trying to find employment for refugees from Germany.

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For direct inquiry
please and report.
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REPORT

Special Branch.
Date December 12, 1933.

Subject (in full) Ex-Berlin Police officials reported to be in

Government service.

Made by and Forwarded by Superintendent Tan Shao Liang.

Enquiries made at the Public Safety Bureau Headquarters, the Chinese Municipality and the Shanghai Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have failed to confirm the report that Weiss and Grzesinski have been appointed by the Chinese Government to reorganize the Chinese Police locally.

It has been unable to ascertain whether the two former Berlin police officials have taken up appointments with the Canton Government as the Canton Authorities have no agents in Shanghai at present.

Tan Shao Liang
Superintendent

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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DEC 13 1933

German consulate
phones asking whether
Grzesinski was in
Shanghai. Also that
as far as we knew he
was not.

Mr. Cordt then
states that he would
write a letter to
O/c S.D. in confirmation,
asking for fuller
particulars regarding
the person in question.

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, April 5, 1934.
To Officer i/c Special Branch.

Sir,

Herewith copies of translation
as requested. It is to be noted
that whilst the letter is addressed
from Frankfurt-on-Main, the envel-
ope bears the cancellation mark of
a Netherlands post-office.

According to information Weiss
is at present located in Hankow
where he is connected with the
Police Department there.

JR File 2a. Pires.
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TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN OF A COMMUNICATION
ADDRESSED TO "BERNHARD WEISS," COMMISSIONER
OF POLICE, SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. R. REGISTRY.

No. D 5537
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Frankfurt-on-Main,

March 8, 1934.

Commissioner of Police Bernhard Weiss,
Reorganiser of the Police Force in Shanghai,
Shanghai, China.

Sir,

By chance I have learned of your address and permit myself to write you to make the following requests:

In your new position in Shanghai as 'Reorganiser of the Chinese Police' you need a few men to assist you, and I offer you my services being a man of considerable experience.

Due to the strict censorship now prevalent in Germany I am unable to give you full details concerning myself.

I am married, have no children and am thirty years of age; the other men are also of the same age. Upon receipt of a favourable reply from yourself we will leave immediately.

At present we are almost destitute and are being assisted by benevolent societies, in consequence of which we are unable to raise the necessary funds for the journey from here to Shanghai. It would therefore facilitate matters if you would send us some money for Passports, visas, passages, travelling-expenses and a small amount to allow us to keep our families in Germany for the first three months.

I have been to the Central Europe Travel Bureau where enquiries elicit the following information:- Passage from Frankfurt-on-Main to Shanghai.....RM. 752; Passport and Visa.....RM. 100. In addition to provide our families with the necessities of life for a period of three or four months would cost about RM. 300 per family. Thus in all each man would need approximately RM. 1200. Arrangements could be made later regarding the transport, etc. of our families. The above mentioned sums could be deducted little by little, from our salaries after reaching China.

Trusting that you will give this letter the consideration that it deserves and assuring you that upon receipt of a favourable answer we would be prepared to leave immediately,

Yours respectfully,

Post Scriptum.

Dr. KING, Chinese Minister in Berlin, has nothing against my personal character, and has no objections to raise in my coming to China.

Correct Address.

Josef B O S S ,
Holzgraben 5 VI
FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN.
